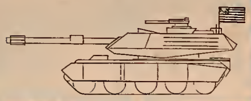

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Protest training

The Gray Panthers of Allen County are sponsoring civil disobedience training to those interested in protesting for peace. The training will be offered from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, at TAH-CUM-WAH Recreation Center, 1701 Freeman Street.

Paul Barton-Kriese will be the trainer for the session. He will lead a workshop for persons interested in legal protest or civil disobedience. Barton-Kriese has extensive training, both as a leader and participant in non-violence. He was part of the non-violence team which participated in the Kent State actions in 1970.

The fee for the training session is $5 or $10 or whatever you can afford. Call 422-8082 for more information.

Campus counselor hired

Nancy Gerow has been hired as a personal counselor for students of IPFW. She is a Fort Wayne native who received her M.S. in psychology from Purdue in 1977. She has worked at Park Center as a clinician and has been employed by Psychological Service Associates, Inc. for the past 11 years.

Gerow has experience in a variety of counseling services, including individual, group, marital and family counseling. She is a member of the American Psychological Association and is certified by the American Board of Medical Psychotherapists.

Appointments are available mornings, afternoons and evenings and can be scheduled through Tina Webber at 481-6595 or at Gerow's office in Walb Memorial Union Room 113.

Martin Luther King memorial

The Memorial Celebration for Martin Luther King Jr. is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 23, from noon to 1:30 p.m. An expert on the "rhetoric of the American dream" will give the keynote address at the memorial service celebrating the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and this theme of non-violence. The service is scheduled in Walb Memorial Union Rooms 224, 226 and 228. After the service a coffee hour and art display will take place.

The speaker is John H. Patton, associate professor of communication at Tulane University, New Orleans. His book manuscript-in-progress deals primarily with the rhetoric of Martin Luther King Jr. With a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, he has studied original King materials in archival collections in Atlanta and at Boston University. He has published several previous essays on King's powerful rhetoric of civil rights and theology.

This event is co-sponsored by IPFW Multicultural Services to mark the 23rd anniversary of King's assassination

Fitness classes offered

The athletic department's Fitness/Wellness Programs will continue this semester with three exercise classes, Combo-Aerobic Dance, Bench Aerobics and Well Power.

Classes begin Feb. 11, but participants should attend one of two scheduled orientation sessions on Monday, Jan. 21, from 6 to 7 p.m. or Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Register for these classes through Continuing Education, Walb Memorial Union Room 210, or call 481-6619. For answers to questions call Judy Wilkins at 481-6643.

Students go to Saudi Arabia as soldiers

By TINA HOLSTON
Editor in Chief

The 122nd Security Police Flight of the Indiana Air National Guard, which included four IPFW students, left for the Saudi peninsula this week.

The four students are Sgt. Joseph Schmitt, Sgt. Brent Fawcett, Senior Airman Patrick Herber and Senior Airman Benjamin Wells.

The flight, which fulfills military police functions, was notified of deployment shortly after Thanksgiving. One of the flight's sergeants said he believed their award for outstanding unit received at a recent inspection was directly responsible for the flight's deployment. "We were chosen because of this recognition," said Fawcett.

"I think we are well-prepared," said Schmitt. "Most of us have had prior service in active duty, and I have served in that part of the world before." Schmitt was a junior and anthropology major at IPFW before his flight went to the gulf.

Schmitt said chemical warfare preparedness was part of the flight's training. "We have had chemical training. It's pretty standard. But instead of pretending it was the Soviets we were fighting, we pretended it was the Iraqis. The Cold War mentality is being phased out," he said.

Schmitt said he and Fawcett, also an IPFW student, were planning to transfer to another unit of the military before they heard the 122nd might see action. Both decided to stay with the flight when deployment was confirmed.

"You maintain a certain amount of loyalty to those you have trained and worked with," said Schmitt on his decision.

Fawcett, a senior accounting student, said the only regret he has about his decision to stay with the flight and go to the gulf is not being able to finish school right away. Saying of his decision, "This is something I do want to do, and I feel it is just. But I had only two classes to go before graduation."

Fawcett was also the chancellor for Delta Sigma Phi business fraternity and the president of the accounting club.

Both men admitted being frightened of the threat of war and being directly involved, but they qualified their statement of fear by saying any rational person would be scared.

The four students in the flight are also close friends and Fawcett credits that friendship for providing comfort and security to them. "The four of us are very close and that's comforting to be with people you trust and who support you," said Fawcett.

Although their families are fearful for their safety, the men feel the families support what they are doing. Fawcett, who has never before seen active duty, said of his family, "They support what I feel, that what we are doing is right, and they are supportive of my decision to go."

The 122nd left last Sunday, Jan. 6, for Grissom Air Force Base near Peru, Indiana and was soon shipped out to the Saudi peninsula. The exact location of their deployment was not available.

Mid-East crisis

Violence in Kuwait documented in report

By JERRY KARPE
Features Editor

The invasion of Kuwait by Iraq and the formal annexation of the lands invaded have not stopped the violence in Kuwait. In a report titled Iraq/Occupied Kuwait: Human Rights Violations Since Aug. 2, released Dec. 19, Amnesty International detailed numerous human rights violations, destruction and looting of private and public property that have been documented with numbers that hint to the fact that there could be thousands of such cases.

Widespread destruction and looting has been carried out. Most critical of these has been the looting of medicines, medical equipment, and food supplies. One documented case, related by a 15-year-old Kuwaiti girl, who testified before the U.S. Congressional Human Rights Caucus on Oct. 10, stated, "The second week after the invasion, I volunteered at the al-'Addan Hospital ... I was the youngest volunteer. While I was there, I saw the Iraqi soldiers come into the hospital with guns, and go into the room where 15 babies were in incubators. They took the babies out of the incubators, took the incubators and left the babies on the cold floor to die."

In another account, related by a 33-year-old Kuwaiti banker in an interview by Amnesty International, the general condition of the Kuwaiti hospitals was described. "Conditions in the hospitals are very bad. Medicines are no longer available. The Iraqis looted the hospitals and took away even vital machines which were keeping some of the patients alive."

Other stories of the looting of electronics, furniture, clothes and automobiles were also related to Amnesty International.

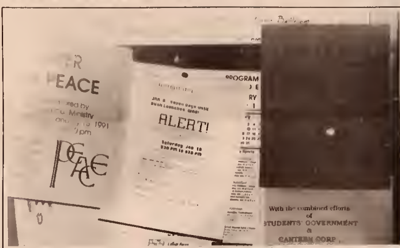
Incidents of torture were also widespread among the Kuwaiti population. An Egyptian doctor working at al-Sabah Hospital in Kuwait told Amnesty International of a case he knew of

"I know of one Kuwaiti lady in al-Jabiriyya who has a 19-year-old daughter ... I'm sorry I can't tell you the names, they're from a very prominent family. It was at the end of August ... The daughter went out to get some food. Three Iraqi soldiers and one officer followed her and wanted to rape her. They followed her inside her villa. When the mother saw them, she pleaded with them not to rape her as she was only a virgin. She asked them to rape her instead of her daughter, so they did," said the doctor.

According to the report, in many cases civilians have been detained and tortured for a wide variety of reasons. Two categories of detainees appear to have been targeted for particularly severe torture: actual or suspected members of the Kuwaiti armed forces, National Guard, police, and individuals suspected of having participated in armed resistance against Iraqi forces. Others have been tortured for involvement in non-violent activities such as peaceful demonstrations, writing anti-Iraqi slogans on walls, possessing opposition leaflets and raising the Kuwaiti flag.

In most accounts related to Amnesty about the conditions in Kuwait, it is shown that violations of human rights have become part of the day-to-day business of the occupying Iraqi soldiers. Additionally, the massive scale of destruction and looting suggests the government of Iraq has adopted a policy promoting the wholesale destruction of people and property.

Unfortunately, according to the Amnesty International report, no statistics and actual numbers of violations, of this nature, are available, because news out of Kuwait has been so sporadic since the invasion on Aug. 2.



Campus kiosks filled
Campus buzzes with talk of war this week as students return to classes.

Peace rally

Citizens show concern

By ALLEN SMITH
Photo Editor

About 100 of Ft. Wayne's residents gathered together outside the Federal Building downtown to join in a peace rally held by the Coalition of Youth for Peace.

Various speakers discussed the Coalitions' adamant views against war resolutions in the gulf crisis. Several pro-peace demonstrators bore signs with phrases such as "No Gulf War" and "No Blood for Oil," The demonstrators also started chants, shouting, "No War!" Approximately halfway through the demonstration, the crowd joined in with a guitarist and sang the John Lennon song, "Give Peace a Chance."

Among the anti-war demonstrators were a small number of pro-gulf war demonstrators with signs of their own, reading, "Pull out now and we'll pay later" and "Which leader takes over countries and kills innocent people? a) Saddam Hussein, b) Hitler, c) all of the above." Although one pro-peace speaker directed his words toward the pro-war crowd, their actions were passive and minimal.

One of the organizers of the rally, Peter Colavito, said the rally was a success.

"I think this rally will set the tone in Fort Wayne of how the media views the situation in Iraq," said Colavito. "I also hope it will show how there is a real support base for peace, not just here but all over the country. People don't think it is time for war. This rally was only planned a week ago and the turnout was close to a hundred people."

According to Colavito, the Coalition will continue to fight for peace.

Escapees come to IPFW

Pakistanis recount experience

By TINA HOLSTON
Editor in Chief
and JOYCE STOCKS
Staff Writer

Two IPFW students, who went home to Kuwait for summer vacation had planned on returning to IPFW for the fall semester; however, that became impossible when Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2.

Irfan Mufti and Rizwan Farooq, both Pakistani nationals, found themselves prisoners in the country where they had lived most of their lives.

After initial disbelief on Aug. 2, it became increasingly clear that leaving the country on Aug. 10 to return to school would be impossible.

Both Mufti and Farooq stayed inside their homes for the first two weeks listening continuously to the BBC. During this time, they exchanged information with friends via telephone.

"Many headed for the boarder immediately," said Mufti, an engineering student, "but we didn't take a chance to escape at this time because we didn't know what was happening and thought it would be dangerous."

Mufti said that eventually he and some of his friends became curious and ventured out. The first thing they did was buy food.

"When we reached the supermarket, it was total chaos," said Mufti. He continued to explain that the people used their arms to sweep groceries off the shelves into their baskets. People were very afraid that food supplies would run short, he said.

Further exploration into the city brought Mufti more information as to what had happened. He learned about the Kuwaiti resistance and that it consisted mainly of students.

"The solidarity unit was small but effective," stated Mufti. His friends in the resistance told him of bribing the Iraqi soldiers. The soldiers were giving up full munitions trucks for gold currency. Mufti said 25 Iraqi soldiers were relinquishing their trucks on a daily basis.

The reason this was so effective, according to Mufti, was the Iraqi soldiers' lack of proper food and clothing.

During one of Mufti's forays into the city, he and his friends passed by the local high school. They were stopped short by the sight they saw on the steps.

There was the body of one Iraqi soldier with a sign which read, "Killed By You" (the resistance). Next to that were the bodies of 10 Kuwaiti citizens with a sign reading, "Killed In Revenge." Mufti said it was meant to get people to think whether or not they really wanted to fight the Iraqis

"After that, the resistance gradually collapsed," said Mufti.

He said that on one occasion he encountered some Iraqi soldiers and became a bit mouthy. The soldiers began to question him. After checking his ID, they began asking questions about his father, holding a gun to his head the whole time. When he refused information, the soldier pulled the trigger, but there were no bullets in the clip.

"This was probably the most frightening experience of my life," said Mufti.

Some Kuwaiti women and children saw what was happening and created a disturbance which enabled Mufti to escape.

Farooq, also an engineering student, and his family were very scared, and primarily stayed inside until they fled the country. Farooq said that at one point, some people dressed like Pakistanis killed Iraqi soldiers. After that, the soldiers put Pakistanis in jail for no reason whatsoever.

On Sept. 11, Mufti's parents were returning home from an unsuccessful attempt at withdrawing their savings from the bank. They were stopped at one of the many blockades throughout the city. When ID's were checked, the Iraqi soldiers found that Mufti's father worked for the Ministry of Telecommunications and immediately took both parents to jail.

Mufti's father was told that he and his family would be taken to Iraq to live and work. Mufti's father refused and told the soldiers that he would rather die than go to Baghdad.

When the interrogators left, one Kurd guard remained. The Kurds are a tribe from northern Iraq, said Mufti. His parents begged for their freedom, and the Kurd guard complied saying that he could be killed for letting them go. The guard then warned them that next time they would not be so lucky.

The morning of Sept. 12, the Mufti family and the Farooq family packed a minimum of clothes, filled their car trunks with canned food, locked their homes, and fled for the Iraq/Turkey border.

With special travel documents which did not reveal the occupations of the men, since they would not have been allowed to leave, the families traveled non-stop for two days passing directly through Iraq.

Since all other borders were inaccessible, the only possible route was through Iraq, then Turkey, to Iran and finally north to Pakistan.

Once safely through Iraq, the line of cars at the Iraq/Turkey border was four to five miles long.

The Mufti family and the Farooq family slept at the border for eight days before they were cleared to leave.

"At the border there was virtually no sanitation, almost no bathroom facilities, and hordes of flies," said Farooq. "Many people fell sick," he explained.

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International unrest

Civilized world not so civil today

Fifteen months ago, on the night of Nov. 9, 1989, a miracle happened. East German and Soviet troops started tearing down the Berlin Wall. It was a sign that the Cold War was finally over and for once everyone had come out a winner.

More positive events followed. Communist countries started moving toward democratization of their governments. Talks in the House and Senate of the United States turned toward cutting defense spending. The reunification of Germany took place. It seemed that the world was finally becoming a peaceful place.

Something happened. The Soviet Union's economy continued its downward spiral and cracks began to show in its 60-year-old union. Racism throughout the world, and especially in the United States took off like a raging forest fire. African nations mixed themselves into shooting wars over border disputes. Apartheid continued to resist all efforts to dislodge it from South Africa. Two countries in the Middle East also started their age-old border dispute anew. One of these countries, Iraq, seemingly overnight, decided to finish their argument by military means. Resistance in Lithuania, over economic and political views, came to a head, and the Soviet Union sent troops in to quell the uprising.

From 15 short months ago until now, the world has changed radically, or so it seems. It seems, in retrospect, that little in fact has changed. Maybe a few new infamous names have entered the limelight, and a few new battle lines have been drawn. The world of man has forever been at war with itself. Since the time Troy was a city-state and was repeatedly sacked by marauding Athenians, it seems as if man has continued to embrace the blood and destruction of war. Perhaps it is naive to think that man would ever learn a lesson from his own past.

When you feel the urge to pray to whomever or whatever you pray to for peace in the Middle East, don't forget the rest of the world, and don't forget yourself. The world is sorely in need of a prayer for peace for all of us.

Gulf crisis

There's no bright side to war with Iraq

By JIM WALKER
Managing Editor

COMMENTARY

I like to think of myself as an optimist. I like to consider the brighter side of everything.

An example can be seen with those plastic wrappers on individually sliced cheese. I save those after I take the cheese out, and when I'm out of regular food, I melt them on crackers as a tasty snack.

That may sound pretty bad, but there is a brighter side to eating melted cheese wrappers. When I have the real imitation cheese slices again, they taste really good.

So, if there is a brighter side to surviving on chemical-based snacks, there must be a brighter side to everything, right? Wrong.

There is no brighter side to the impending war in the Persian Gulf.

The economic boom during a war is often a brighter side. During previous military involvement by the United States, the economy was bolstered after new jobs were created to build military equipment. Now this seems impossible. The current U.S. military has plenty of equipment in reserve.

Along with the economic non-factors this war would have, there are negative economic factors. Gas prices are going to be mega-high after the first movement toward war is made. It may be selfish for those of us at home to consider spending another dollar or two per gallon, but some people may not be able to afford the added expense.

Another economic factor that must be considered is the cost of keeping American troops in Saudi Arabia. As the government considers cutting back further spending on education, the military costs are shooting to the moon.

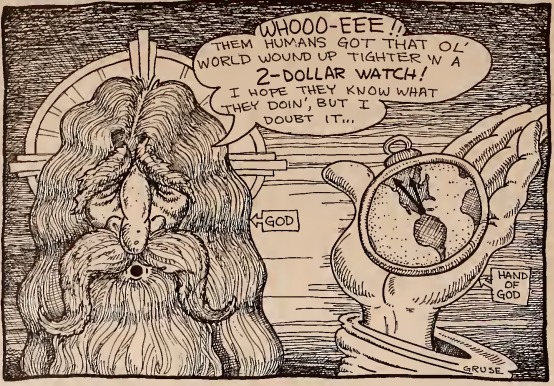
Education is one of the many domestic issues that need to be faced at home: instead, our government is concerned with protecting the world.

Even if our motives for involvement were valid, would the cost of human life be a fair price to pay? It is obvious that the answer is no. In previous wars that America has been involved with, at least the soldiers had a cause to die for. They were fighting against aggressors or communists. Who are we fighting now? Saddam Hussein took over a small country the size of Rhode Island. Now we are supposed to believe that his next move would be to take over the world unless America stops him. This seems very unrealistic.

Why can't Hussein take over a little country now and then? America gets to do it. Last year we marched into Panama and took their leader out. A few years ago we busted the Cuban-influenced government in Granada and set up a new one. There was no United Nations grumbling about United States military aggressions.

With all of the negative outcomes associated with a war in the Persian Gulf, one would be hard pressed to find a brighter side.

Even if the United States comes out of the gulf with a "victory," Americans will certainly be left with a bitter taste in their mouths — even worse than melted plastic on crackers.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From the President

Bush claims moral obligation is justified for U.S. military involvement in Middle-East

PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO COLLEGE STUDENTS: If armed men invaded a home in this country, killed those in their way, stole what they wanted and then announced the house was now theirs — no-one would hesitate about what must be done.

And that is why we cannot hesitate about what must be done halfway around the world: in Kuwait.

There is much in the modern world that is subject to doubts or questions — washed in shades of gray. But not the brutal aggression of Saddam Hussein against a peaceful, sovereign nation and its people. It's black and white. The facts are clear. The choice unambiguous.

Right vs. wrong.

The terror Saddam Hussein has imposed upon Kuwait violates every principle of human decency. Listen to what Amnesty International has documented. "Widespread abuses of human rights have been perpetrated by Iraqi forces...arbitrary arrest and detention without trial of thousands ..widespread torture...imposition of the death penalty and the extrajudicial execution of hundreds of unarmed civilians, including children."

Including children.

There's no horror that could make this a more obvious conflict of good vs. evil. The man who used chemical warfare on his own people — once again including children — now oversees public hangings of dissenters. And daily his troops commit atrocities against Kuwaiti citizens.

This brutality has reverberated throughout the entire world. If we do not follow the dictates of our inner moral compass and stand up for human life, then his lawlessness will threaten the peace and democracy of the emerging New World Order we now see: this long dreamed-of vision we've all worked toward for so long.

A year after the joyous dawn of freedom's light in Eastern Europe, a dark evil has descended in another part of the world. But we have the chance — and we have the obligation — to stop ruthless aggression.

I have been in war.

I have known the terror of combat. And I tell you this with all my heart: I don't want there to be war ever again. I am determined to do absolutely everything possible in the search for a peaceful resolution to this crisis — but only if the peace is genuine, if it rests on principle, not appeasement.

But while we search for that answer, in the Gulf young men and women are putting their own lives on hold in order to stand for peace in our world and for the essential value of human life itself. Many are younger than my own children. Your age, most of them. Doing tough duty for something they believe in.

Let me tell you about one of the soldiers over there, S.F.C. Terry Halfield, a young man from Georgia. He sent me a Christmas card. And this is what he wrote.

"Mr. President, I just wanted you to know my soldiers and I are ready to do whatever mission you decide. Freedom as we know and enjoy has been taken away from another country and must be restored. Although we are separated from family, friends, loved ones, we will do what must be done...We stand ready and waiting. God Bless you and the U.S.A."

Terry understands the moral obligation that has compelled our extraordinary multi-national coalition to make this stand in the Gulf. To look this international terrorist straight in the eye and say: no concessions. To proclaim for now and for the future: no compromises. To bear witness by our presence to the fact that aggression will not be rewarded.

Terry waits thousands of miles from the White House, yet we share the same thoughts. We desperately want peace. But we know that to reward aggression would be to end the promise of our New World Order. To reward aggression would be to destroy the United Nation's promise as international peacekeeper. To reward aggression would be to condone the acts of those who would desecrate the promise of human life itself.

And we will do none of this. There are times in life when we confront values worth fighting for. This is one such time.

Each day that passes means another day for Iraq's forces to dig deeper into their stolen land. Another day Saddam Hussein can work toward building his nuclear arsenal and perfecting his chemical and biological weapons capability. Another day of atrocities for Amnesty International to document. Another day of international outlaws, instead of international law.

I ask you to think about the economic devastation that Saddam Hussein would continue to wreak on the world's emerging democracies if he were in control of one-fifth of the world's oil reserves. And to reflect on the terrible threat that a Saddam Hussein armed with weapons of mass destruction already poses to human life and to the future of all nations.

Together, as an America united against these horrors, we can, with our coalition partners, assure that this aggression is stopped and the principles on which this nation and the rest of the civilized world are founded are preserved.

And so let us remember and support Terry Halfield, all our fine servicemen and women, as they stand ready on the frontier of freedom, willing to do their duty and do it well. They deserve our complete and enthusiastic support — and lasting gratitude.

George Bush
President of the United States

Students ask for memory of date to be positive

To the Editor:

Jan. 15, the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., is a day that should stand for harmony, love, equality and peace. Now it has also become a day for declaring a war. As we think about what Dr. King stood for, the action is contradictory to the cause that many Americans died for during the civil rights movement.

Commemorating the philosophy of Dr. King will now be regarded in history as a day for potential violence to have erupted.

Tyra Richardson
Shawna Owens
Loretta Gadson
Curtis Crisler
IPFW Students

Student wants more U.N. troops to help 'take out' Saddam

To the Editor:

I would just like to express my opinion on the Saudi Arabia situation. I feel that it is very "nice" of the United States to lend their hand to help out Kuwait. Saddam Hussein had no right to take over their country and try to make it a province of his own. Okay. But why is the United States the only country who is offering substantial troops?! Oh yeah, in addition, other countries from the United Nations, like Japan, who gave us money, are now wanting to take it back! If we pull out, Hussein gets control of Kuwait, but our troops aren't going to be wiped out. It is a hard situation, and I don't know every little aspect, but I do know Hussein HAS TO BE STOPPED! Why don't we just go after Hussein personally and take him out of power? I think there is just cause! He killed some of his own people and others in Kuwait. I'm not a violent person, but Hussein needs to be "permanently taken out of existence!"

Ready to do this myself,
Jacinda Walker
IPFW Student

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Gandhi and the gulf

Chains of hate must be broken for new world order to emerge

By RICHARD JOHNSON
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Over the last several months, as we get closer to war in the Persian Gulf, my mind and heart keep going back to Mohandas K. Gandhi and other leaders in non-violence. What would they be doing now? On Jan. 15 Martin Luther King's birthday and the day the United States and its allies set as Saddam Hussein's last before Iraqi troops are subject to attack, the words and actions of Gandhi keep coming back to me

His word for the Indian non-violence movement, "satyagraha," is the key to me. It means Soul Force. As I understand him, he means by satyagraha that we must listen to our souls, the deepest essence of our being, and we must call upon our souls to lead us on the path of peace and justice, no matter what others may do. By constantly attuning ourselves to this Soul Force, we can know how to conduct our lives without violating the essential humanity of our brothers and sisters.

Now this is difficult when others choose war. It is easy to hate "The Enemy" and our own leaders when we believe they are in the wrong, as I believe Hussein and George Bush are. But Gandhi kept admonishing us to honor other persons even though we oppose what they do. As he wrote in his autobiography, "Man and his deed are two distinct things. It is quite proper to resist and attack a system, but to resist and attack its author is tantamount to resisting and attacking oneself. For we are all ... children of one and the same Creator, and as such the divine powers within us are infinite. To slight a single human being is to slight those divine powers, and thus to harm not only that being but with him the whole world."

From this perspective, we cannot attack Saddam Hussein or George Bush, but we can attack their actions. Hussein initiated war against people in Kuwait, and Bush intends to initiate war against Iraqi soldiers (and probably the people of Iraq) That makes no sense if they understood that the "Enemy" is really an inseparable part of ourselves.

> "I wish that my own president believed in the power of non-violence. Clearly, he does not. He has not given the sanctions time to work. He is rushing headlong into war."
> —Richard Johnson

Gandhi went on to say in 1931, "Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man. ... Man lives freely by his readiness to die, if need be, at the hands of his brother, never by killing him." Before the fall of 1989 in Eastern Europe, it might have been possible to deny how mighty non-violence is, but surely we know now that 100 million people gained their freedom by the direct non-violent actions of millions of their compatriots

I wish that my own president believed in the power of non-violence Clearly, he does not. He has not given the sanctions time to work. He is rushing headlong into war. Our response to him should be to believe even more deeply in non-violence and to be ready to live and, if need be, to die for our brothers and sisters in the struggle for peace and justice.

Not to hate others, not to separate ourselves off from them, means, as Gandhi wrote again and again, to suffer. "Suffering is the law of human beings . . If you want something really important to be done you must move the heart ... (by) suffering. Suffering is the badge of the human race, not the sword."

I feel great pain at this feverish preparation for war, at this decision by Bush and his administration not to seek peaceful solutions to the crisis. I feel angry and depressed that so many fine men and women in the Middle East will die on both sides of the conflict And my heart goes out to the children there who will die if we attack, and to the children here who will lose their loved ones.

I have talked with dozens of Americans who suffer as I do over this impending war. What are we to do with our suffering? Not let it overwhelm us, and not let it turn us against others. And we must let this suffering lead us into a "new world order" based on non-violent solutions to crises.

Even President Bush calls for a "new world order," but the one he wishes to form doesn't seem new to me. His world order includes violence as a response to violence. But as King wrote, "Along the way of life, someone must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate." A war in the gulf will be another link in the chain of hate. If we "win" easily, we will be hated by many in the Middle East. And they will attack and kill others

Many of us are working to cut off the chain of hate But there aren't enough of us yet to turn this country around I ask you to join me and a growing number of people here and abroad who are actively pursuing a new world order based on mutual understanding, compassion and peaceful coexistence.

Is war justified?

Students offer opposing poitions on how crisis should be handled

By A. GILBERT COUCH and G. HAMILTON SCHMIDT
IPFW Students

Editors Note: the following commentary offers alternating viewpoints on the gulf crisis by two IPFW students.

G: First of all, where is this kind of action going to get us? What kind of precedent will this set? In ten years am I going to read headlines like "President Quayle Invades Canada, England too overbearing"?

We need to keep our self-righteous, self-interested noses where they belong — at home!! Anyone heard of the Monroe Doctrine? In a nutshell it says mind your own business! Stay at home and protect yourself. If nobody noses in, then great!

However it doesn't say that if some penny ante, Third-World freak of the pseudo-political religious fanatic variety starts piddling around in some other Third World country, then we should go in there and show them who's boss.

A: Our freedom is at stake and you want to send tea and crumpets to this perverted joke named Saddam. Go cut your wrists and bleed all over him. I don't know about you, Mr. Leftist, but I bleed Red, White and Blue.

G: But here we go again. Vietnam, the sequel, The Wrath of Cong Let's start a war we can win. Then, when things don't work out we can just pull out and pin the blame on the gun-toting Boy Scout GIs in green.

A: Don't even start this Vietnam hubub. The only reason our guys were ridiculed was because your type sat around here in the U.S. with Danny Boy Quayle and read Golden Books. Sure you grew up on them but did you learn anything? We didn't start a war. Mr. Hitler-youth Hussein started it. Go in there, cut their throats and get out. What would that make our record? 12-1?

G: At least I, young lad of 19, have learned from your mistakes. No, might does not make right. What ever happened to a kinder, gentler nation? The only thousand points of light I'll see are the stars that will circle my head when you, Mr. John Q. War-Monger, drag me out into the street and hit me with a long-handled shovel for stating my opinion

A: We gave this Bozo ample time to get his oil-running nose out of that place he doesn't need to be. If he's in there threatening my American way of life, then he needs to be shot if that's the only way to do it. I can't watch my country be backed into a corner by some terrorist. Go for the throat. Cut off all ports, airports and bomb Baghdad. When we get Hussein down begging for mercy, send Rambo in and kick his teeth out. He needs dental work anyway — his teeth are stained with the blood of his own people

G: Yet I wonder why I bother when no one seems to care. The guys I grew up with are lambs being led to the slaughter house while the girls two tables over worry about their hair color and talk about perfect bodies and retouched centerfolds.

A: What about my friends and I? They're over there making sure that you can eat quiche and drink Evian for years to come.

Come spring break, I may be on the beach. Well, foreign sand. Why should I die while you sit here talking about peace. He had his chance. These aren't little plastic men we're dealing with. Does this man know who or what he's up against? Tell him to bring body bags. Let's show Saddam — the blasphemous and sorry excuse of a human he is — what being Red, White and Blue means.

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THURSDAY 17
- Women's and men's basketball at Bellarmine
- Martin Luther King calendar presentations at Ward, Washington and Haley schools
- College Level Exam, Walb G21, 8 30 a m.
- CEBS, Walb 111, 9.30 a.m
- Resume critique session, Walb G21, 2 p m.
- FAST Parent Advisory meeting and parent seminar, Anthis Career Center, 1200 S. Barr, 7 p m

FRIDAY 18
- Intramural Sports Entries closed for ACUI table tennis and pocket billiards
- Career assessment group administration, Walb 222, 9 a.m

SATURDAY 19
- Women's and men's basketball at Kentucky State
- Graduate Management Admission Test, Walb 126, 8 a m

SUNDAY 20
- NOTHING SCHEDULED

MONDAY 21
- Martin Luther King art contest, Walb second floor lounge, 11 a m.
- Martin Luther King Memorial Service, Walb 224, noon
- Hispanos Unidos, Walb 2nd floor lounge, noon
- Resume critique session, Walb G21, 4 p m.
- Career assessment group administration, Walb 224, 5.30 p m

TUESDAY 22
- Resume critique session, Walb G21, 1 p m
- English, reading, and math placement tests, Walb 126, 5.30 p m
- Intramural Sports Basketball officials' clinic, AC Gym, 7 p m

WEDNESDAY 23
- Intramural Sports Play begins for ACUI table tennis and pocket billiards
- AAUW-IPFW reading group, "Daughter of Destiny," by Benazir Bhutto, KT 101, noon
- Resume critique session, Walb G21, 5 p m
- Women's basketball vs. Tri-State, 7 p m

THURSDAY 24
- Career assessment group interpretation, Walb G21, 5:30 p m
- Men's basketball vs Quincy, 7:30 p m

FRIDAY 25
- Intramural Sports: Entries closed for basketball and racquetball singles
- Men's volleyball invitational with Southern California, Penn State, Ohio State, 6 p m and 8 p m. Continues Jan. 26

SATURDAY 26
- Women's and men's basketball at Ashland
- Insurance Licensing Exam, Walb Green Room, 7.30 a m
- Pre-Profession Skills Test, KT 117, 8 a.m
- FAST program, 8:30 a m.

SUNDAY 27
- NOTHING SCHEDULED

MONDAY 28
- Senate Meeting
- Intramural Sports: Entries open for badminton tourney
- International Students' Organization: Video on Poland, Walb G21, noon
- Hispanos Unidos, Walb 2nd floor lounge, noon
- Resume critique session, Walb G21, 4 p m

TUESDAY 29
- CE American Heart Association Heart Symposium "Young at Heart -A Graying Generation," 8 a m - 4 p m Call 745-0661
- Resume critique session, Walb G21, 6 p m
- Intramural Sports: Basketball officials' clinic, AC Gym, 7 p.m

WEDNESDAY 30
- Purdue-Indiana Theatre, "Tennessee in the Summer," 8 p m Continues through Feb 2

THURSDAY 31
- Intramural Sports: Basketball and racquetball singles league bracket posted, Athletic Center, 3 p m
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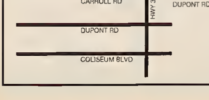

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Indiana guard
Air, army units prepared for war or peace

By JOYCE STOCKS
Staff Writer

According to Major Dave Harmon of the Air National Guard and Major Jon Torzewski of the Army National Guard, the main purpose of any National Guard unit is immediate mobilization and worldwide deployment at a moment's notice.

Harmon said the Air National Guard has been at Baer Field Airport in Fort Wayne since 1947 The unit consists of approximately 1,300 people About 10 percent are women.

Harmon continued that the Air Guard at Fort Wayne is called the "122nd Tactical Fighter Wing," and is lead by Brig. Gen. Herbert J. Spier, Jr.

According to Harmon, Fort Wayne is headquarters for the 122nd Wing, and 13 units are assigned here. In addition the 122nd has a fighter group in Terre Haute, Indiana, Fort Smith, Arkansas and Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

"The role of the Air Guard in peacetime," said Harmon, "is to maintain a state of readiness to go to war when called."

Harmon stated that the Air Guard primarily belongs to Indiana and works for the governor during natural disasters such as floods, snow storms and earthquakes.

In addition, Harmon said, the Air Guard participates in drug interdiction, which means catching drug runners, and during civil disturbances. Under all but the most unusual of circumstances the National Guard does not cross state lines.

However, Harmon explained, that "once an Air Guard unit has been activated, it is integrated into the regular air force and assures air offense, air defense, and offers joint action with ground forces."

Harmon said the 122nd fought in the Korean conflict, was activated for the Berlin crisis in 1961, and the 122nd Security Police Flight left a few days ago for the Saudi peninsula

In giving a brief overview of the Air Guard, Harmon listed some of the different planes they have flown. "In 1954 we flew the F-80 Shooting Star," he said "In 1956 it was the F-86 Sabre, and the F-84 Thunderstreak was in 1958. We flew the F-100 Super Sabre in 1971 and the F-4 Phantom jet in 1979. By 1992 we will be converting to the F-16 Falcon," he stated.

Harmon concluded by saying that for one weekend per month plus 15 days training per year, the Air Guard offers not only a $5,000 GI Bill for higher education, which does not have to be repaid, but also a $10,000 student loan program. He views this as one of the best deals available today.

Torzewski of the Army National Guard believes the same thing about his unit

According to Torzewski, the Army National Guard unit in Fort Wayne originally was formed in 1846. It has been located at the Armory on Clinton Street since 1929, which is the location of the honorary regimental headquarters.

Torzewski explained that the National Guard goes all the way back to the War of Independence. "The Militia during that war was the beginning of the National Guard," he said.

The Fort Wayne unit is called the 1st Battalion, 293rd Infantry, stated Torzewski. "This unit fought in the Mexican War, the Civil War and both World Wars," he explained

Torzewski went on to say that the average age of a guardsman is between 28 to 30 years old and that there are no women in the unit. "This unit is an infantry combat unit," he said

He continued by saying, "Women are in the support units like the military police, the aviation brigade, the chemical company, personnel, and finance."

Torzewski gave some background information on the Army National Guard by explaining that the Guard was originally set up by each colony, and later each state, to protect itself. "The Guard has two missions," he stated, "a state mission and a federal mission. Every Guard belongs first to the governor of the state and then to the president of the United States; however, the federal mission would take precedence," he said.

"As the world evolved and conflicts became global," Torzewski continued, "the National Guard played an increasingly larger role in supporting the national armies."

Speaking nationally, Torzewski said, "Right now, the Guard and Reserves make up approximately 50 percent of the combat forces and 60 percent of the total United States army."

In discussing the role of the Guard in peace and in war, Torzewski said that the last time the 293rd Infantry unit responded in force to a state emergency was the Southern Indiana coal strike of 1978.

He continued by saying that the main role during wartime depends on the necessity for troops. He emphasized that the Guard trains for quick mobilization and to "close with the enemy", stating that there are some active Guard units already in Saudi Arabia "The longer the situation in the Persian Gulf continues," he said, "the better the chance of National Guard units becoming involved."

Torzewski said that currently the Indiana Army National Guard has three units in Saudi Arabia, one being trained and one on stand by.

Torzewski concluded by saying that the motto of the 293rd Regiment is: "Follow Us," and the motto of the 1st Battalion is: "The rest follow the best"

Fort Wayne business feels pinch of crisis

By DAN HYDE
News Editor

Some area businesses are waiting for the effects of the gulf crisis to hit home.

Jan Rice, the general manager for Glenbrook said it's too early to tell whether mall sales have been affected by the turmoil.

Tom Kelly Cadillac general manager, Steve Ross, reports that the big car business is "status quo."

"We're not looking to have a great year, but we're looking for stability. Right now the market is steady," said Ross.

Delta Airlines reported heightened concern not only for passengers but for the cost of fuel. They report security is at the maximum, and they are offering rescheduling assistance on an individual basis. They have received some calls of concern from patrons who are worried about domestic travel.

As for fuel prices, since October Delta has experienced two fuel price increases but hopes that this won't be reflected in ticket prices.

Bob Rennie, spokesperson for Phelps Dodge, one of the world's largest makers of wire products says that, with the exception of the price of petro chemicals which are used in the wire casing, the crisis in the Persian Gulf has had no effect on their business.

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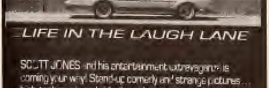
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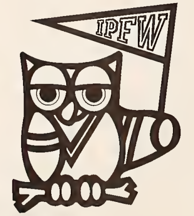

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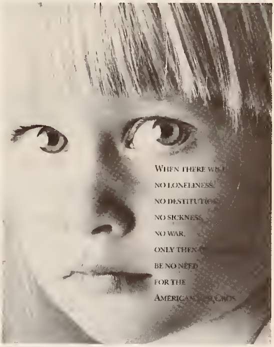

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VOICES

Is a military response justified if Iraq fails to abide by the U.N. deadline to withdraw from Kuwait?

Paul Halmka
Mayor

"It is never too late to pay for a peaceful resolution to the situation."

"We have many men and women from our own community who are in Saudi Arabia, and many families and friends here who are anxiously awaiting the outcome of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. We will keep all of them in our thoughts and prayers."

"The political leaders involved need guidance to do what is best for the future of everyone on this planet. I hope you all, our citizens, will join with me in wishing the men and women serving in the armed forces a swift and safe return. We remind the families of those soldiers that their loved ones are in our thoughts, as they serve with commitment and integrity to far away. We can never stop praying and working for peace."

Senator Richard Lugar (R)

"Sen. Lugar believes that Congress should authorize the president to use force in order to get the Iraqi's out of Kuwait in furtherance of the U.N resolutions."

Rep. Jill Long (D)

"Believes congress should stand behind the president by authorizing deliberative action, as a last resort, or if troops lives are in danger. Before authorizing this, they must have exhausted all peaceful options, such as diplomacy sanctions, etc."

Father Larry Kramer
Our Lady of Good Hope Parish

"No I don't think it is. While we pursue the talk we could be gradually rotating troops out of there. We shouldn't be there in the first place.

"The resolution puts us under no obligation to go to war. It says that war is permitted after Jan. 15. If it is found necessary.

"As a teacher of morality, I can't justify war in that situation or any situation. War is a substitution for communication."

Senator Dan Coats (R)

"Two things are increasingly clear. First, I am convinced that sanctions alone will not be sufficient to free Kuwait and terminate the aggressive military machine of the Iraqi dictatorship. Saddam Hussein has proven a willingness to plunder Kuwait and drag his own nation down in resources to simulate his troops and tanks and do no further damage.

"Second, Hussein himself has only increased his threats in the face of American economic, diplomatic and military pressure. His rhetoric and actions have shown a stubborn and irrational commitment to keep his illegal and brutal conquest.

"The only chance that remains for peace is for Hussein to become convinced that the world community and the United states, including the Congress, are united in our purpose and resolve."

Steve Ross
General Manager Tom Kelly Cadillac

"We've been held hostage, we've been held at ransom, we've been creeped by. My answer? Yes! Someone has got to stop this madman. We didn't do it in Vietnam and it cost. Yes, at the tick of the clock we should go in. And that's from a vet.

Joe LaFontaine
Owner of LaFontaine Enterprises, Fort Wayne

"Was a Spreeter 4th Class as Fort Gordon, Georgia, from 1966-1967.

"Yes. You can't let people like Saddam Hussein take over the Persian Gulf. Where would anybody be if he controlled 98 of the gulf. Also, if we don't stop him now, we'll stop him later just like Hitler in World War II.

"We don't need demonstrations now. We need to show our support for the troops over in Saudi Arabia. They aren't doing this for America, they are doing it for the world.

John Carnagie
Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs

"I hate the thought of war, but I trust our congressional and executive branch leadership. If they feel war is the only remaining alternative, I will support their position."

John Frey
Homeless, employed at Rescue Mission, Vietnam veteran

"Yes, my opinion it's overdue. When they cut off services to our embassy that's an act of war, exactly as it was in Iran. I think Carter blew it with Iran, and I think Bush blew it with Iraq. Negotiation is something you do with reasonable people, not lunatics. Fanatics you shoot."

Judy Chiron
University Relations

"I would prefer that we give sanctions more time to work. In the meantime, our forces in Operation Desert Shield should be reduced in number and put on a rotation schedule."

Barbara Rorimes
IPFW Business Administrator

"I have a 20-year-old son who could possibly be sent over there if this became another Vietnam and we have the draft again. So for my personal reasons, I do not wish for military action."

Sarah Sealy
Freshman
Chemistry

"I don't understand how it got this far to begin with. A simple bullet could have ended it months ago."

Rabbi Aloof
O'hal Jacob Synagogue

"I would advocate what we already have in place. Conclusion! I advocate a peace if possible. But then again, even at the 11th hour, he might pull out of Kuwait. There is sufficient pressure on him and he might pull out."

Damon Greeley
Port Ibis Food Marketing

"Yeah, definitely. Since they are a member of the United Nations, they have to comply the U.N decisions. It's kind of like going to school and refusing to take a test."

Rose Singzat
Production director of local television station

"Being exposed to the media because of my line of work, I've had plenty of opportunity to think about our involvement in the Persian Gulf. I've basically reached the conclusion that my feelings are mixed concerning the situation.

I understand our reason for involvement — the protection of the rights of countries to be free of threats from aggressive such as Saddam Hussein. I believe that we as a country have the tools and influence to aid such countries and should do so.

"On the other hand, I'm in my early 20s, the threat of war is something new to me. What I know about U.S. involvement in war has come only from history courses and documentaries on PBS. I have friends on Saudi Arabia, and more are thousands of others, my age and younger who may face death at the hands of enemy troops.

"I pray to God that there's a way a peaceful solution can be reached, otherwise hope that our losses be kept at a minimum."

Rev. Melvin Bokkan
Calvary Chapel

"I don't think that it would be justified by attacking right away without trying for a peace settlement because attempts so far have failed. I don't think they should go into war without trying for a peace settlement."

Prayer vigil promotes peace

By JIM WALKER
Managing Editor

IPFW Campus Minister Stephen Bromberek led close to 50 IPFW students in a prayer service for peace in the Middle East in the Walb Memorial Union Tuesday afternoon.

Bromberek delivered a brief message and offered a prayer in the Fireside Lounge before leading the group in the reading of a short prayer.

The Prayer for Peace meeting was sponsored by Campus Ministries and by Multicultural Services.

Bromberek said the object of his message was to emphasize the need for personal peace for everyone. "We need to coordinate everyone's personal peace with the global peace. That's why I spoke about the ideals of personal and global peace held by Ghandi and the Reverend Martin Luther King," he said.

"It is one thing to protest about world peace, and it is another to do something about finding peace in one's own life," Bromberek said.

As the Prayer for Peace service was conducted in Walb, another group of IPFW students, Students For Peace, met in the Classroom Medical building. Approximately 20 students gathered for the organizational meeting.

"We want to get people together to see who we are," noted Denise Reiling, an active member of the group. "Spreading needs to rise up out of this group."

Both campus Ministries and the student-organized peace group plan to continue with activities on campus as the situation in the Persian Gulf worsens.

"We will continue doing other things and holding more services, especially as war escalates," Bromberek said.

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Students escape Kuwait

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Mufti agreed and added that someone he knew, who was traveling alone, became ill and was put ahead in the line to be released first. Mufti's father instructed him to accompany his sick friend and said that they would meet on the other side of the border. They were separated for three days.

They finally reached Pakistan on Oct. 4. The journey had been approximately 10,000 miles, and 22 days of driving nearly 15 hours a day.

Average income is $30,000 per year in Kuwait. Pakistanis make $200 per year. Mufti's family is now staying with his grandparents, and his father is looking for work.

Farooq's family had to leave everything behind. They were able to change some Kuwaiti currency for Iraqi currency on the black market in order to pass through Iraq. Now in Pakistan, they too are staying with the grandparents.

Farooq's grandparents have four families staying in their home. Each family has one room, a kitchen, and shared bathroom facilities.

Farooq said that there are now 40,000 to 50,000 newly unemployed Pakistanis back in Pakistan due to the Kuwaiti crisis. Since Pakistan is already an impoverished nation, this is devastating.

"They just don't know what to do next," he said.

It was another month before Mufti and Farooq were able to have their airline tickets re-ordered and flights to the United States re-routed.

Once back, re-entering IPFW was another hurdle. Since Kuwaiti currency no longer exists, and the Kuwaiti banks are shut down, their families are impoverished and there is no money for them to attend school.

IPFW has deferred tuition payments until the summer, but Mufti and Farooq have no money to buy books and very few dollars for food. They are forbidden by the immigration department to hold off-campus jobs, and the on-campus jobs are filled. This leaves them virtually no alternatives.

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'Hair' becomes more timely with the flow of current world events

By DAN HYDE
New Editor

The Tribe from the musical Hair.

Although it has been 20 years since "Hair" graced the stage, and probably clogged the sinks, of the Biltmore on Broadway, Pink Lace Productions betting that the original energy of "Hair," billed as an "American Tribal Love-Rock Musical," will shock and entertain audiences in the 90s

" 'Hair' is far more than a nostalgia piece· people today need to reconnect with some of the deeper human values which are the legacy of the '60s," said Sally Eaton, an original Broadway cast member and the current assistant director of the 20th anniversary tour.

The show's director, Barry Singer, has worked with such rock notables as Janis Joplin, Joe Cocker and Sly and the family Stone, has directed national tours of "Grease," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "West Side Story" and "the Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," and has, according to the show's organizers, "committed himself to capturing the urgency and power that makes, "Hair" the musical theater break-through it once was

"Hair" is the story of a group of draft-age dissidents living, in the words of Singer, "a tribal type of life ... like the American indians their freedoms being taken away. .. They are trying desperately trying to show that war, at that time the Vietnam War, must end for the Age of Aquarius to be "

If the "Age of Aquarius" sounds familiar to you it is likely due to the "permanent wave" of fans the music from "Hair" has generated over the years. In addition to "hair" and "Age of Aquarius," Good Morning Starshine," "Let the Sun Shine In," and "Easy to be Hard" earned the RCA cast album a place in Rolling Stones top 25 albums of the 1960's.

The story centers around Claude, played by Ted Vitale, who Singer said, "is scared to buck the system and allows himself to be drafted.

The part of Claude was played originally by Robin McNamara who returns in this production as a "tribe" member.

"'Hair,'" according to the show's organizers, "was one of the most influential rock musicals that hit Broadway. More than any other rock show, it integrated the Broadway musical style with that era's pop music sound. The children of today are ready to embrace this show again! Kids are wondering what their parents were experiencing in those days."

The 20th anniversary tour of "Hair" will be in Fort Wayne on January 21 at the Embassy.

We need to understand the dynamics of a war

By KELLI E. BEERY
Copy Editor

Preparing for war in the Middle East doesn't only involve soldiers. It involves us.

American citizens do not need to prepare physically by checking if we have enough guns in our house or if the government tanks work properly. Instead, we need to prepare mentally.

According to Jim Lakewind, a veteran and social worker at the Vet Center, we didn't do that during the Vietnam War. When the veterans of that war came home, as a country we didn't know what to do, said Lakewind. The veterans were isolated for a number of reasons.

"People didn't understand the dynamics," said Lakewind. People blamed the war on veterans, who really didn't have a choice for being in the war, instead of the government, and there were "feelings of betrayal from the vets," continued Lakewind.

Could that happen to the Middle East soldiers?" "i don't think that will happen," Lakewind said. "there are enough vets — they'll keep it from happening to other vets."

The Vietnam vets were also isolated because of the division of public opinion in the United States. Lakewind stated that some veterans were labeled as "murderers" by anti-war protestors.

The United States needs to treat the Middle East soldiers different from the Vietnam veterans.

While the soliders are still overseas, we have the responsibility to support each other, Lakewind said. When the soldiers come back, Lakewind stated, they should find a community open to their homecoming and not one isolating them

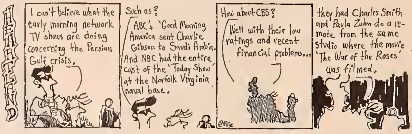
What can we do to accept the soldiers when they come back and even now when they are still overseas? "Listen and stay with them" Lakewind stated. "Another human being listening is so important. And acceptance — to accept them as human beings who have suffered." We should voice our fears in letters so the soldiers don't think they are the only ones with fears.

How does the Vet Center fit into all this? It has a free service to veterans, there significant others and their families. The Vet Center offers one-on-one counseling as well as support groups. Lakewind stated that the number one respoosibility of the Vet Center is to return the veterans to a sense of safety.

Because of the possibility of war in the Middle East, the Vet Center has been charged to help the Veterans Administration Hospital. According to Lakewind the center will be at the hospital's disposal. He also stated that in a national emergency the center will accept volunteers to work at the center.

If you know someone in the Middle East or someone going to the Middle East, you can talk about your feelings with one of the social workers at the Vet Center - at 460-1456.

There are also various support groups and other help centers around Fort Wayne willing to listen to your feelings. The American Legion is sponsoring a toll-free telephone number for the families of U.S. Armed Forces members. The Family Support Network is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It can be reached on a Touch-Tone telephone at 1-800-786-0901.



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